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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Justin Seo
MASAHARU SHIMAKAWA ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/579,515	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 6547
Filed: May 12, 2006	)	
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS AND	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of the claims that read on Species I. The claims that read on that Species are Claims 1-10 and 16.

Also, preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows, the change to the specification appearing at page 2, those to the claims being reflected in the listing that begins at page 3, and the Remarks beginning at page 13: